



Keeping the vision alive in 2005



Supervisor Horn delivered his State of North County address at the Valley Center Branch Library on March 3rd.

Partly cloudy skies in Valley Center gave way to a spirit of optimism as Supervisor Horn delivered his 2005 State of North County Address at the Valley Center Library on March 3rd. Despite the State's continuing budget crisis, Supervisor Horn shared reasons for hope and outlined his bold vision for 2005.

An overflow crowd heard the Supervisor reaffirm his commitment to stronger voter identification procedures and public safety, including support for completing the security

fence along the U.S.-Mexico border.

"We have one of the largest Naval installations in the U.S. arsenal," he said. "Yet we can't control the border around it."

Speaking of the economic impact of illegal immigration, Supervisor Horn said, "We've got to stop people from breaking into the country and receiving benefits without any obligation."

Supervisor Horn expressed support for Governor Schwarzenegger's initiatives on the State budget, education and redistricting. He thanked supporters who passed Proposition 1A that will prevent the State from raiding local tax revenues and cited the County's court victory to stop the State from unfunded mandates.

Traffic issues included progress in creating a park project along the San Luis Rey River, widening Highway 76 and the need to reach an agreement on Traffic Impact Fees for developments.

Supervisor Horn recalled that



The National Anthem was sung by the Valley Center High School Chorus directed by Laralee Beck.

many thought a fire-fighting helicopter for the County was a pipe dream.

"We have two of those, thank you very much," he said. "We need three more."

Supervisor Horn also gave results of the North County Alliance To Stop Gang Violence; a seminar he hosted for law enforcement leaders and he outlined plans to combat gangs.

Horn launches North County Alliance to Stop Gang Violence

Supervisor Horn brought more than 30 of law enforcement's best and brightest leaders together in Oceanside in February for a first-of-its-kind strategy session to expand anti-gang efforts. Included in the group were Sheriff Bill Kolender, District Attorney Bonnie Dumanis, representatives from the FBI, ICE, North County Gang Task Force, County Probation and local police departments.

Retired Los Angeles Assistant Police Chief Bob Vernon of Fallbrook was the keynote speaker and offered insight into strengthening leadership, improving community relations, and developing anti-gang strategies.

Supervisor Horn will host future sessions for business, education, community, and church leaders.

With more than 8,000 documented gang members in San Diego County, Supervisor Horn said more than 2,000 live in North County.

"We're going to bring the gangs under control...we want to get rid of these gangs or at least get them not to multiply as fast," he said.

Part of the strategy is developing the TenPoint Coalition program in Oceanside, a faith-based, police, community and business effort to help children at risk of becoming involved in gangs and gather intelligence on current gang activity. The group is head-

ed by Chaplain Gerald Johnson (see related article on page 2).



Supervisor Horn was joined by District Attorney Bonnie Dumanis and Sheriff Bill Kolender at the recent North County Gang Summit.

Horn's Headlines . . .

Supervisor Horn goes to Washington

County executive named to regional post



Nick Macchione

The County of San Diego's commitment to quality health care has been strengthened following the appointment of Nick Macchione to the Council of Regents of the American

College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE—an acronym that's hard to forget!).

Macchione is highly respected locally and nationally and serves as deputy director for the County's Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) in North County. He'll bring local perspective to national healthcare issues as he represents healthcare executives in San Diego and Imperial Counties.

Nick has a wall full of local and national awards and is a faculty member of the San Diego State University Graduate School of Public Health.



Supervisor Horn points to the name of a fallen comrade at the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Supervisor Horn spent six jam-packed days in Washington, D.C. He attended the National Association of Counties (NACo) annual conference and then extended his stay to confer at the White House with H. James Towey, Special Assistant to the President and Director of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives. He then met with members of San Diego's congressional delegation and a representative from Senator Dianne Feinstein's office.

Accompanying the Supervisor was Chaplain Gerald Johnson, who is heading North County's faith-based TenPoint Coalition program against gang violence.

The White House expressed keen interest in Supervisor Horn's commitment to stop gang violence. The special

assistant to the President gave the Supervisor high marks for past progress in fighting gangs and his new strategy. Supervisor Horn was told the President's proposed budget includes a \$50 million program for a Compassionate Capital Fund. That money would be used for gang suppression and Towey said the Supervisor's request for a \$6 million, three-year grant is exactly the kind of program that would qualify for funding.

Representatives from the White House were so impressed with the Supervisor's efforts to stop gang violence that they asked that a visit to North County be arranged to see the program in action and that a future invitation to visit be given to First Lady Laura Bush.

Supervisor Horn spent time with Representatives Duncan Hunter, Duke Cunningham, and Darrell Issa. All three favored the Supervisor's anti-gang efforts and thanked him for backing tighter controls at the U.S.-Mexico border by completing the border fence. Congressman Issa also backed the Supervisor in pressing SANDAG to accelerate the widening of Highway 76 in Bonsall.

Positive results also came from a visit to the office of Senator Dianne Feinstein, who supports Supervisor Horn's anti-gang measures. Senator Feinstein and Senator Orrin Hatch co-authored S 155, a tough gang prevention and deterrence law that would increase the federal role in controlling gang-related crime.

HARM focuses on youth and marijuana use



Supervisor Horn helped launch the HARM (Health Advocates Rejecting Marijuana) Coalition, a new effort to educate young people on the perils of marijuana use.

"Marijuana and young people is a match made in hell."

With that comment, Supervisor Horn helped begin a new effort to educate young people on the increased dangers of marijuana. Health Advocates Rejecting Marijuana (HARM), a coalition of local groups involved in prevention, treatment, and law enforcement.

Studies show marijuana is the drug of choice for youth entering treatment in San Diego County and a factor in crime and school failures. Experts also say that an increased amount of "THC" in marijuana today makes the drug more addictive than ever before.

HARM's future plans include anti-drug events, working with the media to stop pro-drug messages, and lobbying elected officials to pass new laws that make it more difficult for young people to get drug paraphernalia.

Turn out the lights when you leave!

Little things like turning off the lights when you leave a room, plus solar power and improvements in building projects, saved more than \$250,000 in energy bills last year for the County of San Diego. One of the energy efficient buildings is the North County Regional Center in Vista that houses Superior Courts, offices for the District Attorney, Sheriff's Department and our District 5 North County office.

The County was honored with an annual "San Diego Excellence in Energy" award in the government category. The cost savings came after photovoltaic panels were added to the building and the central energy plants were retrofitted for energy efficiency.

County honored for helping foster youth

Supervisor Horn has been a long-time advocate for foster children and for avidly supporting the remarkable people who serve as foster parents. A critical need for foster children who age out of the foster care system is finding and being able to afford a place to live.

The County of San Diego's commitment to foster care has been recognized with a national award.

The County won the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's HOME Doorknocker Award for its Emancipated Foster Youth Tenant Based Rental

Assistance Program. The Housing and Community Development Department and the Independent Living Skills Program of the Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) run the program.

Young people find an apartment or home they want to rent and agree to pay 30 percent of their adjusted monthly income on rent. The Housing Department, using money from HUD's HOME Program, pays the remainder of the rent for up to 24 months.

This year, the County has 50 youths in the program.

Supervisor Horn honors Georgine Thomas



Supervisor Horn presented a proclamation to Georgine Thomas upon the re-opening of her popular Valley Center eatery, *Fat Ivor's*.

Two years from the date it burned to the ground, Fat Ivor's Rib Rack in Valley Center has reopened for business. The restaurant, owned by Ivor and Georgine

Thomas, has been a popular gathering place in Valley Center since 1981. Ivor, known as "Tommy", was a generous friend to children and people in need and a local legend who served as a combat Marine in Korea and Vietnam. He passed away on Christmas day in 2002, and the restaurant was destroyed in a fire two months later.

Tommy's widow, Georgine vowed to rebuild and kept her cooks and management on the payroll the entire time the restaurant was being rebuilt.

On February 27, 2005, Supervisor Horn presented a proclamation to Georgine Thomas at the restaurant's grand reopening and commended her for showing extraordinary community spirit. Semper Fi, Georgine!

Help for County's homeless

North County has more federal funding to provide permanent and temporary housing for people who are homeless.

The County received nearly \$5 million from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, a portion of which will go to Interfaith Community Services and North County Serenity House.

The County Department of Housing and Community Development took the lead in submitting an application, which covers projects in the unincorporated areas and local cities, except for the City of San Diego.

The regional effort has helped bring about \$100 million in federal homeless funding to San Diego County over

Play Ball!



-Photo courtesy of Waldo Nilo

Supervisor Horn threw out the first pitch to celebrate the newly refurbished baseball fields for the Valley Center Little League. The fields were damaged during staging operations in the 2003 Paradise Fire. \$16,000 from the Supervisor's Community Projects Fund helped restore the field of dreams.



Investing in our own backyard

Returning taxpayer's dollars directly to the community may be the single most efficient way of helping our neighbors. Recent allocations from our Fifth District Community Projects Fund include:

- \$7,500 to the 1st Marine Division Association to assist with the purchase of a lighted flagpole for the Murray Bridge in Oceanside to honor the late Major General Raymond Murray (a former Commanding General of Camp Pendleton)

- \$10,000 to the Valley Center Chamber of Commerce to support the 2005 Valley Center Western Days community festival

- \$5,000 to the Women's Resource Committee to support the Hope for the Future Benefit Auction

County Veterans' Services #1 (Again!)

For the seventh straight year, the County of San Diego's Veterans' Services office has been honored for being the most productive in California.

Each year, Veterans' Services staff assists thousands of veterans and their dependents to maximize their self-sufficiency by receiving benefits to which they are entitled. Those benefits in turn help support the local economy, with claims received by the veterans in San Diego County estimated to represent purchasing power in excess of \$50 million annually.

Congratulations to Jean Shepard, Director, HHSA (Health and Human Services Agency); Pam Smith, East Regional Manager, HHSA; and Tom Splitgerber, County Veterans' Service's Officer; and the entire team who look out for our patriots.

Are books obsolete?

The Library Friends of San Diego County are inviting students and adults to share their thoughts in an essay contest about the question, "Are books obsolete?"

Entries are due at any San Diego County branch library by April 30, 2005. Essays should not exceed 500 words.

For more information on categories, prizes and forms:

<http://www.sdcl.org/lfsdcessay@yahoo.com>

Dick Wayman, 760-788-7908 or Katie Harte, 760-436-9421

Upcoming events in the Fifth...

● Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events

May 14, 2005 9AM - 2PM
Fallbrook High School
2400 S. Stagecoach Land
Fallbrook CA 92038

For information on acceptable items for collection:
www.sdcounty.ca.gov/deh/chd/hhw/home.html
Traci Anderson: traci.anderson@sdcounty.ca.gov

● Homebuyers Fair ~ June 4, 2005

Faith Based Community Development Corporation is hosting the 5th Annual North County Homebuyers Fair from 10 AM to 2 PM at Palomar College in San Marcos. The one-day event brings together on site real estate professionals, bankers, mortgage companies, credit counselors and representatives from the various housing departments of North County communities. There will be resources to help educate first-time homebuyers on how to realize their dream of homeownership.

Contacts: www.fbcfdc.org; fbcfdc@yahoo.com

(760)-435-0600

Saying "I do" for a lot less

Did you know that the County Parks and Recreation people offer affordable wedding ceremonies and reception sites at our county parks? We have a variety of natural settings including open meadows, ancient wedding trees, Victorian gardens, historic ranch houses, hidden knolls and gazebos.

Several indoor locations are also suitable for formal or informal celebrations, large or small. To find out more, please call 858-565-3600 or visit www.sdparks.org

"A Word From Supervisor Bill Horn" Via E-mail Supervisor Horn now has an electronic newsletter to constituents. Doing this by E-mail is cost-effective, more in-depth and more immediate than our regular newsletter. We'll still be in touch by regular mail, however, if you're not receiving "A Word From Supervisor Bill Horn" by E-mail and would like to be on our list, please let us know by E-mailing the Supervisor at bill.horn@sdcounty.ca.gov.

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